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CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women have recentlyreviewed the position regarding upsurge i n various crimes being committed against women in the States during the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken and the new comprehensive strategies worked out by the Government and National Commission for Women to deal with the problem of crimes against women more effectively and also strengthening the monitoring cells at State and district levels?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b) Although law and order including crimes against women is a state subject. At the national level, the Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal agency for this subject. The National Commission for Women periodically reviews the crime situation against women in the country. Periodical conferences and meetings are held and the concerned Ministry/Agency is requested to take suitable steps to curb violence against women. For instance, in collaboration with the CB land Department of Women & Child Development, the National Commission for Women held a Workshop on "Crime Against Women in India" on 5th April, 1999. The main recommendations of the workshop were summarized as a draft Action Plan. This is being followed up with the concerned Ministries/Departments and o n the issues relating to National Commission for women, action is being taken by them.

(c) The Government of India has initiated a number of measures to check such crimes. Apart from legislative changes in the relevant acts, instructions/guidelines have been issued from time to time to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to effectively enforce legislations relating to crimes against women and monitor their enforcement. The National Commissionfor Women is pursuing the recommendations of the workshop referred to above, and are also going to hold a Workshop on "Forging Partnership with Law Enforcing Agencies" in March,2000 to evolve appropriate Modules for "gender sensitization training" to different categories of personnel-police, administrative, judicial and others.